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TECHNOLOGY MISSION ON COCONUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the proposal of setting up a Technology Mission on coconut stands at present;

(b) the details of progress made therein so far;

(c) whether any research is going on to find out the use of treated coconut oil as engine oil; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The Coconut Development Board prepared a draft reportof Technology Mission on Coconut which was thoroughly discussed in a meeting with all stake holders in the coconut industry including representatives of coconut producing States. The participating State Governments were requested to give their suggestions, if any, for further modification. Suggestions have been received only from Government of Kerala. Based on suggestions the document on Technology Mission is being finalized.

(c)&(d): Research on use of coconut oil as engine oil is not reported. However, for taking up research on use of coconut oil in automobiles, the Coconut Development Board has requested Engineering Institutes to submit detailed and economically viable research projects.